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OF THE

Ninety-Second
Annual Session

OF THE

Cypress Creek
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cypress Creek Church

SEPTEMBER 23,

1960

— OFFICERS —

ELDER A. D. SHIPP ..... Moderator

J. E. DAVIS ..... Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE NINETY-SECOND SESSION OF THE CYPRESS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING:

As previously agreed, the Association met with the Cypress Creek Church, September 23, 1960. Meeting was opened by Brother L. C. Crawford singing hymn 196. Brother A. D. Shipp Jr., offered prayer. The Moderator, Elder A. D. Shipp read the scripture lesson from Matt. 18, and called Elder E. Brooks to preach the Introductory Sermon. He used as his text Isa. 42:25. Elder A. D. Shipp alternated.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

The meeting was opened by Brother L. C. Crawford singing hymn 41. Elder Joe Bean offered prayer. The Moderator read the scripture lesson from Rom. 5. The roll of churches was called and names of delegates enrolled. The Moderator announced that the Association was without an official staff. It was motioned and carried that we hold our same staff of officials for the year 1960-1961. Elder A. D. Shipp, Moderator, Elder Odell Brook, Assistant Moderator, Brother J. E. Davis, Clerk, Brother W. M. Thompson, Assistant Clerk. The Association being organized, the Moderator appointed various Committees as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: Brother Bennie Taylor, Bro. Clyde Davis, and Brother L. C. Crawford.

Committee on Correspondence: Elder E. Brooks, Elder L. M. Nelson, and Elder Joe Bean.

Committee on Finance: Brother Freddie Thomas and Brother A. D. Shipp, Jr. Their report is shown in the Table of Expenditures.

SATURDAY MORNING: The meeting was opened by Brother Louis Jones singing hymn 200. Brother Freddie Thomas offered prayer. The Moderator read the scripture lesson from Rev. 1. It was motioned and carried that we hear the report of our Corresponding messengers. Elder A. D. Shipp, Elder L. M. Nelson, and Elder E. Brooks gave a good repot from the following Associations: Union, Sipsey River, Pine Light, Friendship, and Beouff River Association. It was motioned and carried that we hear the report of our correspondence Committee. The report: We your Committee beg leave to report that we received correspondence from Beouff River Association by letter and six Minutes by the hand of Elder Mumphrey;

from Sipsey River by letter and five Minutes by the hand of Elder J. Jones; from Friendship by messenger Elder M. Gibbs, Minutes to be forwarded later; from Union, letter and eight Minutes by the hand of Elder F. C. Clark; from Pine Light, by letter and eight Minutes by the hand of Elder B. F. Belcher; from Crew Lake, by letter by Elder S. M. Clark, Minutes to be forwarded later; from Caney Creek, by letter and Minutes. We agreed to return correspondence to Caney Creek by letter and Minutes; we agreed to return correspondence with Beouff River by letter and Minutes by the hand of Elder E. Brooks; with Sipsey River by letter and Minutes by the hand of Elder A. D. Shipp; with Friendship by letter and Minutes by the hand of Elder A. D. Shipp; with Union by letter and Minutes by the hand of Elder E. Brooks; with Pine Light by letter and Minutes by the hand of Elder O. Brooks; with Crew Lake by letter and Minutes by the hand of Elder E. Brooks. The report received and Committee discharged.

SATURDAY EVENING:

The meeting was opened by Brother Louis Jones singing hymn 200. Prayer by Brother Bennie Taylor. It was motioned and carried that the sitting of our next session will be held with the Harmonia Church, Victoria, Miss. Elder A. D. Shipp to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder E. Brooks, alternate.

Union Meeting for the year 1961 with Cypress Creek Church Saturday before the second Sunday in August. To attend: Elder E. Brooks and Elder A. D. Shipp; with Rocky Mt. Church Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. To attend: Elder A. D. Shipp and Elder Joe Bean.

It was motioned and carried that we have 150 copies of our Minutes printed. It was motioned and carried that the Clerk read the Minutes which were read and approved by the Association and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

ELDER A. D. SHIPP, Moderator
ELDER O. BROOKS, Ass't. Moderator
BROTHER J. E. DAVIS, Clerk
BROTHER W. M. THOMPSON, Ass't. C.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE

FRIDAY MORNING:

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. Brooks who used as his text Isa. 42:25. Elder A. D. Shipp alternated.

FRIDAY EVENING:

Elder Joe Bean used as his text Matt. 25:1. Elder S. M. Clark preached from Amos 5.

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Brother Shotwell used as his text John 15:1. Elder F. C. Clark used as his text Psa. 113:13. Elder L. Mumphrey used as his text from the Corinthians.

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder L. M. Nelson used as his text John 3:16, followed by Elder Jeff Jones.

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder Odell Brooks used as his text Matt. 2:2. Elder M. Gibbs preached from the same text.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder L. Mumphrey used as his text John 1:1. Elder F. C. Clark used as his text from John. Elder Joe Bean used as his text John 1:1. Elder B. F. Belcher used his text from the book of Romans. Elder E. Brooks used as his text 1 Kings 10:7. Elder M. Gibbs used the same text. Elder S. M. Clark (failed to get text). Closed by the Moderator, Elder A. D. Shipp.

DEATH

With sincere sorrow we note the death of Sister Annie Bean since our last session, who was a member of New Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

We do believe she departed this life in full triumph of faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

TABLE OF EXPENDITURES

Received from the churches	$ 74.00	
Received from the public	145.48	
In the Treasury	5.00	$224.48
Donated to officers as follows:		
Elder A. D. Shipp, Moderator	$ 10.00	
Elder Odell Brooks, Assistant Moderator	5.00	
Brother J. E. Davis, Clerk	10.00	
Brother W. M. Thompson, Assistant Clerk	5.00	
Donated to correspondents:		
Elder J. Jones	$ 11.00	
Elder S. M. Clark	11.75	
Elder L. Mumphrey	6.00	
Elder B. F. Belcher	7.00	
Elder M. Gibbs	10.00	
A Brother or Elder	5.50	
Elder F. C. Clark	9.00	
To Return Correspondents:		
Elder A. D. Shipp	$ 21.00	
Elder E. Brooks	10.00	
Elder Odell Brooks	7.00	
Elder E. Brooks	9.00	
Elder E. Brooks	10.00	
Elder L .M. Nelson	7.00	

Clerk's Expenses	1.13
To Elders and Brethren	13.35
For printing our Minutes	30.00
Balance left in the Treasury	28.75

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the sister Associations with whom we correspond, we send Christian greetings:—

Dear beloved saints:—We are still trying to keep the unity of faith in bonds of peace and wishing to continue our friendly correspondence with you. We hereby notify you that our next session will be held with the Harmonia Church two and one half miles south of Victoria, Mississippi, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1961, at which time and place we hope to meet again with messengers bearing letters of correspondence.

Pray for us and visit us when you can, and may we be permitted to meet in the general assembly for the first born when we will all be one in Christ Jesus.

ELDER A. D. SHIPP, Moderator
ELDER ODELL BROOKS, Ass't. Moderator
BROTHER J. E. DAVIS, Clerk
BROTHER W. M. THOMPSON, Ass't. Clerk

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder A. D. Shipp, Sardis, Mississippi
Elder E. Brooks, 2274 Supreme Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
Elder L. M. Nelson, Star Route, Box 81, Sardis, Miss.
Elder Joe Bean, Rt. 2, Box 101, Holly Springs, Miss.
Elder Odell Brooks, 4236 Rushin Rd., Memphis, Tenn.
Elder F. Grim, Memphis, Tenn.
Licentiate: Brother Shotwell.

Address of Moderator and Clerks:

Elder A. D. Shipp, Rt. 2, Box 103, Sardis, Miss.
Brother J. E. Davis, Rt. 3, Box 113A, Holly Springs, Miss.
Brother W. M. Thompson, Rt. 3, Box 145, Oxford, Miss.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Cypress Creek—Elder E. Brooks
New Zion—Elder Joe Bean
Street Hill—Elder Odell Brooks
Hurricane Creek—Elder A. D. Shipp
Rocky Mt.—Elder A. D. Shipp
Harmonia—Elder E. Brooks

CONSTITUTION

We, the United Primitive Churches of Christ, being in West Tennessee and Mississippi, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of a necessity of combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union among us and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules as an Association according to the following plan:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of Cypress Creek Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union, but shall be merely considered in the light of an

advisory council in matters respecting internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of proceeding, viz: When an offense may be committed by one church against another, it shall be the duty of the church so offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, and if she fails to succeed, she shall call in aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the labor and if, finally, satisfaction (in the opinion of the help thus called in) cannot be obtained, then the aggrieved church may bring the case before the Association, which is bound to act upon it. And also: when any serious difference may arise in an individual church which they themselves (after all due labor had) cannot reconcile, they shall call in the aid of two or more sister churches in the union to assist in the work; and if, finally satisfaction is not obtained, the case may be brought before the Association, which shall act upon it. And further: to illustrate the mode of proceeding in the above cases, reference shall be had to the eighteenth chapter of Matthew and the other Scriptures which respect discipline for the bringing to trial and determining on the case of an individual member of no case of the above kind unless the above proceedings have been had thereon.

3. The letters from the different churches shall express their members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, and died since last Association, which shall be read and the messengers' names enrolled.

4. Every church in the union shall be entitled to send two messengers to the Association to represent said church, and should any church neglect to represent herself there she shall state her reason in her next letter to the Association.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union, who shall petition by letter or messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand.

6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which they are authorized to form.

7. The Association shall appoint a moderator from among themselves for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are attended to, and to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before it. A clerk also shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the proceedings.

8. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from its union who shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of their proceedings.

10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to settle it but could not in which case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the vote of the majority be entered on the minutes as its advice.

11. Queries which immediately concern the union or state of church's bounds without ministerial aid from one or more churches, handed in by proper motion made, and seconded by an individual, shall be taken up and decided on as soon as opportunity permits.

12. Any church in our union, having a member possessed with preaching talents, shall not license him to exercise his gift out of said church's bounds with ministerial aid from one or more churches, who, when in conjunction with the church, may, if deemed qualified, license him to his gift among the churches at discretion, and the churches may report thereon to the next Association which report shall be entered on the minutes; and any member, having been duly tried as regards his preaching talents by the ministerial aid so called in and failing to give ample satisfaction, shall thereupon be silenced.

13. Any church having a candidate for the ministry amongst her members whom she deems worthy of credentials, shall call a presbytery

of members of our union to officiate; and said presbytery shall in all cases of ordination, both as minister, deacons and constitution of churches, be regulated by the Abstract of Principles adopted by this Association.

14. The Association shall have a fund for the support of same, which shall be supported by voluntary contributions of churches, whose duty

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and Holy Ghost. Deut. 4:39; Mark 12:9; John 5:7.

2. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments are of divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 15:2, 3.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, and that God chose His people in Christ before the world began. Eph. 1:4; Rom. 11:5; Titus 1:2.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin—Gen. 2:6; Rom. 2:1.

5. We believe that man cannot of his own free will or ability recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature—Eph. 2:8-9; Heb. 9:21; 1 Pet. 2:24.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ—Rom. 3:22; Titus 3:5.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit—Malachi 3:17; 1 Peter 1:2.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away—Jn. 10:27-28; Rom. 7:36-39; 2 Tim. 1:9.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that baptism is by immersion the only apostolic mode, and true believers the only proper subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:13; Acts 8:13, 36 For the Lord's supper—Mark 16:13; Luke 12:9. For washing the saints' feet—Jn. 13:15; 2 Tim. 5:10; Genesis 18:4.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the saints and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 20:15.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of Jesus Christ except those who have been regularly baptised and called of God, and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery—Acts 13;2-3; Titus 1:5.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptised persons have a right to commune at the Lord's table—Mark 14; 1 Cor. 11:24; Exodus 2:43.

it shall be to send it by the hand of their messengers, which money sent shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be appointed for that purpose and be accountable to the Association for all money received or paid out by him as they may direct.

15. There shall be an associational book provided and kept, in which the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by the clerk, who shall receive yearly compensation for his sevices.

16. The Association shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business, except extraordinary cases.

17. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected and signed by the moderator and attested by the clerk before the Association rises.

18. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

19. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time, when a majority of the churches deem it necessary.

20. Any minister of this Association who is known to preach anything that is not orthodox, his license or credentials must be demanded by the church or this Association.

21. The moderator and clerk shall be empowered to correct all

business too hastily done or neglected.

22. We will not hold in fellowship any church that holds any member in her that is a member of any of the following institutions, to wit: Theological School Conventions, Missionary Societies, Tract Societies, Sunday School Unions, Temperance Societies, nor any other society that is tributary to the Missionary plan that now exists in the United States. Neither will we knowingly correspond with or receive correspondence from any association that holds churches in fellowship holding members in them that are members of any of the above named institutions, together with any other society claiming to be auxiliary to the church of Christ, members belonging to the Masonic Fraternity, Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance, Know Nothing nor any other secret society that does exist, or hereafter may exist, founded on the wisdom of men.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. On convening, the Association shall be called to order by the former moderator or clerk, if present, who shall, after reading a portion of the Scriptures, singing and praying, call for the reading of the roll of churches from the minutes. The delegates from the different churches will, on hearing the names of their respective churches called, produce letters as their credentials and have their name enrolled by the former clerk, if present and in order, or some other suitable brother.

2. The next in order shall be the choice of a permanent moderator and a clerk for the time being; after which shall follow the reception of churches through their letters.

3. The moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed with prayer, either by himself or some other brother.

4. The privilege and authority of the moderator shall be respected by the members, yet he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide upon questions of order and propriety; but from his decision an appeal, if seconded, may be made to the Association, and the decision of the Association shall be binding on all parties.

5. The moderator shall vote in no case unless the Association be equally divided, and then shall give the deciding vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he calls some other member to the chair.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall not be interrupted unless he depart from his subject or make personal reflections. He shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator, unless to explain what is misunderstood or misrepresented.

7. No member shall vacate his seat without leave of the moderator.

8. When the question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the moderator shall take the voice of the Association either by yeas or nays, viva voice, or by requiring those on the affirmative side to rise from their seats, and if necessary those on the negative side also. The moderator shall announce the decision before he resumes his seat.

9. Motions and amendments to motions, if seconded, must be considered unless withdrawn. The usual order in deliberative bodies shall be observed in disposing of them by this Association.

10. The list of names of delegates shall be called over, and the constitution and rules of decorum, or any part thereof, read as often as the Association may direct.

11. The clerk shall enroll the names of delegates, minutes of the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

12. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and the clerk before the Association rises.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Cypress Creek ..	Freddie Thomas	L. C. Crawford, Freddie Thomas	May	2-4	....	....	....	....	3	3	29	$24.50
Street Hill	J. E. Davis, Rt. 3, Box 113A, Holly Springs, M.	E. C. Davis A. D. Shipp, Jr. J. E. Davis	May	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	36	10.50
Harmonia	Bennie Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 134, Byhalia. Miss.	Bennie Taylor, Louis Jones	July	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	16	15.00
Rocky Mt.	Hudson Booth, Rt. 3, Bateville, Miss.	Galveston Houge, Elder L. M. Nelson	May	4	1	....	....	....	1	....	27	14.00
Hurricane Creek	W.M. Thompson, Rt. 3 Box 145, Oxford, Miss.	Percy Parkham, W. M. Thompson ...	May	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	7.00
New Zion*	Joe Bean, R. 2,B 101, Holly Springs, Miss.	Elder Joe Bean	May	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	3.00